Before he was made Bishop of London (coming hither by way of Bristol and Worcester) he was Dean of Peterborough when Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringhay, to whom he made a wordy oration of her past, present and future condition, wherein he took more pains than he received thanks from her who therem was most concerned

Once when there were two Councillors sworn within comps * of one year, and neither of them had a grey hair, he glanced a* it in his sermon with a sentence of Seneca against *imeniie consihum, pnuatum commodum, muestum odium* The Queen found no fault with this liberal speech, but the fnends of tne Councillors taxing him for it, he bad the pretty shift to tell the friends of either that he meant it by the other

SIR JOHN SMYTHE BEFORE THE COUNCIL

To-day Sir John Smythe made his appearance before the Council, and, being charged to answer what he did and said to the company of pikemen to follow him, he answered very unwillingly and uncertainly Whereupon the Cotmcil charged him with his manner of coming to the field where his pikemen were standing in order and his lewd speeches then uttered To these charges he answered yery uncertainly, confessing part of the words, alleging that he meant no harm towards her Majesty, and in some parts he sought to excuse himself by f orgetf ulnesb of what he said, colouring also certain words that he used of the Lord Treasurer with oversight by reason of his drinking in the morning of a great deal of white wine and sack And yet in the end, finding himself charged with a multitude of witnesses, he began to defend his speeches, pretending that by the laws of the realm no subject ought to be commanded to go out of the

realm in her Majesty's service, and concluding that he might lawfully advise the people not to go in service out of the realm at this time, and therefore he had just cause to nse those kind of speeches Moreover, saith he, he had been so informed by two lawyers, named Ridgeley and Wiseman.

The Council now require further examinations and in the meanwhile Sir John is committed to the Tower-

*i6tbjune** THE TREATMENT OF SPANISH PRISONERS.

Divers of our Englishmen that have been taken prisoners and